# Public Law 94-487
## 94th Congress

## An Act

To amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended, to extend the authorizations for a three-year period.

Oct. 12, 1976
[S. 2228]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

Public Works and Economic Development Act Amendments of 1976.
42 USC 3121 note.

## TITLE I

SEC. 101. This Act may be cited as the "Public Works and Economic Development Act Amendents of 1976".

Rural and urban area assistance.

SEC. 102. Section 2 of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3121) is amended by inserting at the end the following new sentence: "Congress further declares that, in furtherance of maintaining the national economy at a high level, the assistance authorized by this Act should be made available to both rural and urban areas; that such assistance be available for planning for economic development prior to the actual occurrences of economic distress in order to avoid such condition; and that such assistance be used for long-term economic rehabilitation in areas where long-term economic deterioration has occurred or is taking place.".

SEC. 103. (a) Section 101 of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3131) is amended by striking out subsection (e).

(b) The second sentence of subsection (c) of section 101 of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3131) is amended by striking out "may" each of the two places it appears and inserting in lieu thereof at each such place "shall".

Community development corporation grants, non-Federal share, waiver.

(c) Section 101(c) of such Act is further amended by adding after the second sentence the following new sentence: "In case of any community development corporation which the Secretary determines has exhausted its effective borrowing capacity, the Secretary may reduce the non-Federal share below such per centum or waive the non-Federal share in the case of such a grant for a project in a redevelopment area designated as such under section 401(a)(6) of this Act.".

42 USC 3161.

SEC. 104. The first sentence of section 102 of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3132) is amended—

(1) by striking out "and June 30, 1976," and inserting in lieu thereof "June 30, 1976, September 30, 1977, September 30, 1978, and September 30, 1979,"; and

(2) by inserting immediately before "shall be available" the following: ", and for the period beginning July 1, 1976, and ending September 30, 1976, not to exceed $7,500,000 of the funds authorized to be appropriated under such section 105 for such period,".

SEC. 105. Section 105 of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3135) is amended—

(1) by striking out the period at the end of the first sentence and inserting in lieu thereof the following: ", not to exceed $62,500,000 for the period beginning July 1, 1976, and ending September 30,

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1976, and not to exceed $425,000,000 per fiscal year for the fiscal years ending September 30, 1977, September 30, 1978, and September 30, 1979.";

(2) by striking out "and June 30, 1976," in the third sentence and inserting in lieu thereof "June 30, 1976, the period beginning July 1, 1976, and ending September 30, 1976, and the fiscal years ending September 30, 1977, September 30, 1978, and September 30, 1979,"; and

(3) by striking out "10 per centum" in the third sentence and inserting in lieu thereof "15 per centum".

SEC. 106. Title I of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3131–3136) is further amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"CONSTRUCTION COST INCREASES

42 USC 3137.

"SEC. 107. In any case where a grant (including a supplemental grant) has been made under this title for a project and after such grant has been made but before completion of the project, the cost of such project based upon the designs and specifications which were the basis of the grant has been increased because of increases in costs, the amount of such grant may be increased by an amount equal to the percentage increase, as determined by the Secretary, in such costs, but in no event shall be percentage of the Federal share of such project exceed that originally provided for in such grant.".

Appropriation authorization.

SEC. 107. (a) Section 201(c) (42 U.S.C. 3141) is amended to read as follows:

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"(c) There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section and section 202, except that annual appropriations for the purpose of purchasing evidences of indebtedness, paying interest supplement to or on behalf of private entities making and participating in loans, and guaranteeing loans, shall not exceed $170,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1966, and for each fiscal year thereafter through the fiscal year ending June 30, 1973, and shall not exceed $55,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1974, and shall not exceed $75,000,000 for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1975, and June 30, 1976, and shall not exceed $18,750,000 for the period beginning July 1, 1976, and ending September 30, 1976, and shall not exceed $200,000,000 per fiscal year for the fiscal years ending September 30, 1977, September 30, 1978, and September 30, 1979.".

(b) Section 201 of such Act is further amended by striking subsection (d) of such section.

Interest reduction, payments.
42 USC 3142.

(c) Section 202(a)(1) of such Act is amended by adding after paragraph (1) the following new paragraph:

"(2) In addition to any other financial assistance under this title, the Secretary is authorized, in the case of any loan guarantee under authority of paragraph (1) of this section, to pay to or on behalf of the private borrower an amount sufficient to reduce up to 4 percentage points the interest paid by such borrower on such guaranteed loans. No payment under this paragraph shall result in the interest rate being paid by a borrower on such a guaranteed loan being less than the rate of interest for such a loan if it were made under section 201 of this Act. Payments made to or on behalf of such borrower shall be made no less often than annually.".

(d) Section 202(a) of such Act is amended by renumbering existing paragraph (2) as (3), including any references thereto.

SEC. 108. Section 202(a)(3) of the Public Works and Economic

Development Act of 1965 (as redesignated by section 107 of this Act) is amended by striking out the period at the end thereof and adding the following: "(D) paying those debts with respect to which a lien against property has been legally obtained (including the refinancing of any such debt) in any case where the Secretary determines that it is essential to do so in order to save employment in a designated area, to avoid a significant rise in unemployment, or to create new or increased employment."

*Ante*, p. 2332.

SEC. 109. Title II of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

42 USC 3141.

"REDEVELOPMENT AREA LOAN PROGRAM

"SEC. 204. (a) If a redevelopment area prepares a plan for the redevelopment of the area or a part thereof and submits such plan to the Secretary for his approval and the Secretary approves such plan, the Secretary is authorized to make an interest free loan to such area for the purpose of carrying out such plan. Such plan may include industrial land assembly, land banking, acquisition of surplus government property, acquisition of industrial sites including acquisition of abandoned properties with redevelopment potential, real estate development including redevelopment and rehabilitation of historical buildings for industrial and commercial use, rehabilitation and renovation of usable empty factory buildings for industrial and commercial use, and other investments which will accelerate recycling of land and facilities for job creating economic activity. Any such interest free loan shall be made on condition (1) that the area will use such interest free loan to make loans to carry out such plan, (2) the repayment of any loans made by the area from such interest free loan shall be placed by such area in a revolving fund available solely for the making of other loans by the area, upon approval by the Secretary, for the economic redevelopment of the area. Any such interest free loan shall be repaid to the United States by a redevelopment area whenever such area has its designation as a redevelopment area terminated or modified under section 402 of this Act. This section shall not apply to any redevelopment area whose designation as a redevelopment area would be terminated or modified under section 402 of this Act except for the provisions of section 2 of the Act entitled "An Act to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to extend the authorizations for titles I through IV through fiscal year 1971", approved July 6, 1970 (P.L. 91-304).

Interest free loans.
42 USC 3144.

Repayment.

42 USC 3162.

42 USC 3131, 3161.

"(b) (1) Each eligible recipient which receives assistance under this section shall annually during the period such assistance continues make a full and complete report to the Secretary, in such manner as the Secretary shall prescribe, and such report shall contain an evaluation of the effectiveness of the economic assistance provided under this section in meeting the need it was designed to alleviate and the purposes of this section.

42 USC 3162 note.

"(2) The Secretary shall provide an annual consolidated report to the Congress, with his recommendations, if any, on the assistance authorized under this section, in a form which he deems appropriate. The first such report to Congress under this subsection shall be made not later than July 1, 1977.

Report to Congress.

"(c) There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section not to exceed $125,000,000 per fiscal year for the fiscal years ending September 30, 1977, September 30, 1978, and September 30, 1979.".

Appropriation authorization.

SEC. 110. The fourth sentence of subsection (a) of section 302 of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 is amended to

State economic development plan.
42 USC 3151a.

read as follows: "Any overall State economic development plan prepared with assistance under this section shall be prepared cooperatively by the State, its political subdivisions, and the economic development districts located in whole or in part within such State. Upon completion of any such plan, the State shall certify to the Secretary (1) that in the preparation of such State plan, the local and economic development district plans were considered and, to the fullest extent possible, such State plan is consistent with such local and economic development district plans, and (2) that such State plan is consistent with such local and economic development district plans, or, if such State plan is not consistent with such local and economic development district plans, all of the inconsistencies of the State plan with the local and economic development district plans, and the justification for each of these inconsistencies.".

Appropriation authorization.

SEC. 111. (a) Section 303(a) of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3152) is amended by striking out the period at the end thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the following: ", $18,750,000 for the period beginning July 1, 1976, and ending September 30, 1976, and $75,000,000 per fiscal year for the fiscal years ending September 30, 1977, September 30, 1978, and September 30, 1979.".

(b) Section 303(b) of such Act is amended by striking out "and June 30, 1976" and inserting in lieu thereof "June 30, 1976, September 30, 1977, September 30, 1978, and September 30, 1979".

Appropriation authorization.

SEC. 112. (a) Section 304(a) of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3153) is amended by inserting immediately after "June 30, 1976," the following: "$18,750,000 for the period beginning July 1, 1976, and ending September 30, 1976, and $75,000,000 per fiscal year for the fiscal years ending September 30, 1977, September 30, 1978, and September 30, 1979,".

(b) Section 304(a) of such Act is further amended by striking out "titles I, II, and IV" and inserting in lieu thereof "titles I, II, III (other than planning grants authorized under sections 301(b) and 302), IV, and IX".

42 USC 3131, 3141, 3161.
42 USC 3151, 3152.
42 USC 3241.

(c) Section 304(c) of such Act is amended by striking out "title I, II, or IV" and inserting in lieu thereof "title I, II, III (other than planning grants authorized under sections 301(b) and 302), IV, or IX".

Area eligibility.
42 USC 3161.

SEC. 113. (a) Section 401(a)(1)(A) of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 is amended by striking out "available calendar year" and inserting in lieu thereof "twelve consecutive months".

(b) Section 401(a)(8) of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 is amended to read as follows:

"(8) those areas which the Secretary of Labor determines, on the basis of average annual available unemployment statistics, to have experienced unemployment which is both substantial and above the national average for the preceding twenty-four months;".

(c) Section 401(a) of such Act is further amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"(9) those areas which the Secretary determines have demonstrated long-term economic deterioration.".

SEC. 114. (a) Section 401(b)(4) of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3161) is amended by striking out "two hundred and fifty", and inserting in lieu thereof "twenty-five".

(b) Section 401(b) of the Public Works and Economic Develop-

ment Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3171) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following: 42 USC 3161.

"Nothing in this subsection shall prevent any municipality, designated as a redevelopment area or eligible to be designated as a redevelopment area, from combining with any other community having mutual economic interests and transportation and marketing patterns for the purposes of such designation.".

SEC. 115. Section 403(g) of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3171) is amended by inserting immediately after "June 30, 1976," the following: "not to exceed $11,250,000 for the period beginning July 1, 1976, and ending September 30, 1976, and not to exceed $45,000,000 per fiscal year for the fiscal years ending September 30, 1977, September 30, 1978, and September 30, 1979,". Appropriation authorization.

SEC. 116. Section 404 of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3172) is amended by striking out ", and June 30, 1976," and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "and June 30, 1976, not to exceed $6,250,000 for the period beginning July 1, 1976, and ending September 30, 1976, and not to exceed $25,000,000 per fiscal year for the fiscal years ending September 30, 1977, September 30, 1978, and September 30, 1979,". Appropriation authorization.

SEC. 117. Title IV of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3161 et seq.) is further amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"PART D—UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DETERMINATIONS

"SEC. 405. Whenever any provision of this Act requires the Secretary of Labor, or the Secretary, to make any determination or other finding relating to the unemployment rate of any area, information regarding such unemployment rate may be furnished either by the Federal Government or by a State. Unemployment rates furnished by a State shall be accepted by the Secretary unless he determines that such rates are inaccurate. The Secretary shall provide technical assistance to State and local governments in the calculation of unemployment rates to insure their validity and standardization.". 42 USC 3173.

SEC. 118. (a) Section 509(c) of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 is amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "The term 'Federal grant-in-aid programs' as used in this section means those Federal grant-in-aid programs authorized on or before September 30, 1979, by this Act and Acts other than this Act for the acquisition or development of land, the construction or equipment of facilities, or other community or economic development or economic adjustment activities, including but not limited to grant-in-aid programs authorized by the following Acts: Federal Water Pollution Control Act; Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act; titles VI and XVI of the Public Health Services Act; Vocational Education Act of 1963; Library Services and Construction Act; Federal Airport Act; Airport and Airway Development Act of 1970; part IV of title III of the Communications Act of 1934; titles VI (part A) and VII of the Higher Education Act of 1965; Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965; National Defense Education Act of 1958; Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act; and titles I and IX of this Act.". "Federal grant-in-aid programs." 42 USC 3188a. 33 USC 1151 note. 16 USC 1001 note. 42 USC 291, 300o. 20 USC 1241 note. 20 USC 351 note. 49 USC 1101-1120 notes. 49 USC 1701 note. 47 USC 390. 20 USC 1121, 1132a. 16 USC 460l-4 note. 20 USC 401 note. 7 USC 1921 note. 42 USC 3162, 3241.

(b) The first sentence of section 509(d)(1) of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3188a) is amended by striking out at the end thereof "and for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1977, to be available until expended, $250,000,000." and inserting in lieu thereof "and for the fiscal years ending September 30,

1977, September 30, 1978, and September 30, 1979, to be available until expended, $250,000,000 per fiscal year.".

Appropriation authorization.

SEC. 119. Section 509(d)(2) of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3188a) is amended by striking out at the end thereof "and for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1977, to be available until expended, not to exceed $5,000,000." and inserting in lieu thereof "and for the fiscal years ending September 30, 1977, September 30, 1978, and September 30, 1979, to be available until expended, $5,000,000 per fiscal year.".

Financial assistance for energy, limitations.

SEC. 120. Section 704(e) of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3214) is amended to read as follows:

"(e) No financial assistance authorized under this Act shall be used to finance the cost of facilities for the generation, transmission, or distribution of electrical energy, or to finance the cost of facilities for the production or transmission of gas (natural, manufactured, or mixed), except (1) for projects specifically authorized by Congress, and (2) for local projects for industrial parks and industrial or commercial areas in communities where the electrical energy or gas supply is, or is threatened to be interrupted or curtailed resulting in a loss of jobs, or where the purpose is to save jobs, or create new jobs, on condition that (A) the Secretary finds that project financing is not available from private lenders or other Federal agencies on terms which, in the opinion of the Secretary, will permit accomplishment of the project, and (B) the State or Federal regulatory body regulating such service determines that the facility to be financed will not compete with an existing public utility rendering such a service to the public at rates or charges subject to regulation by such State or Federal regulatory body, or if there is a determination of competition, the State or Federal regulatory body must make a determination that in the area to be served by the facility for which the financial assistance is to be extended there is a need for an increase in such service (taking into consideration reasonably foreseeable future needs) which the existing public utility is not able to meet through its existing facilities or through an expansion which it agrees to undertake. Not more than $7,000,000 appropriated to carry out titles I and II of this Act may be expended annually for such projects.".

42 USC 3131, 3141.

SEC. 121. (a) Section 901 of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3241) is amended by inserting "(including long-term economic deterioration)" immediately after "economic conditions".

(b) Section 903(a)(1) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 3243) is amended—

(1) by inserting "(A)" immediately before "which the Secretary";

(2) by inserting ", or (B) which the Secretary determines has demonstrated long-term economic deterioration," immediately after "Federal Government)";

(3) by inserting "and businesses" immediately after "relocation of individuals"; and

(4) by striking out "and other appropriate assistance," and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "and other assistance which demonstrably furthers the economic adjustment objectives of this title.".

(c) Section 903(a)(2)(A) of such Act is amended by inserting immediately after "loan guarantees," the following: "payments to reduce interest on loan guarantees,".

Appropriation authorization.

(d) Section 905 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 3245) is amended by striking out the period at the end thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the following: ", not to exceed $25,000,000 for the transition quarter end-

ing September 30, 1976, and not to exceed $100,000,000 per fiscal year for the fiscal years ending September 30, 1977, September 30, 1978, and September 30, 1979.".

"Eligible area." 42 USC 3246a.

SEC. 122. Section 1002 of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended, is amended by striking the entire section and inserting the following:

"SEC. 1002. For the purpose of this title the term 'eligible area' means any area, which the Secretary of Labor designates as an area which has a rate of unemployment equal to or in excess of 7 per centum for the most recent calendar quarter or any area designated pursuant to section 204(c) of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973 which has unemployment equal to or in excess of 7 per centum with special consideration given to areas with unemployment rates above the national average.".

29 USC 844.

Grant applications. 42 USC 3246b.

SEC. 123. (a) Section 1003(c) of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"(c) Where necessary to effectively carry out the purposes of this title, the Secretary of Commerce is authorized to assist eligible areas in making applications for grants under this title.".

Funds allocation priorities.

(b) Section 1003(d) of such Act, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"(d) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this title, funds allocated by the Secretary of Commerce shall be available only for a program or project which the Secretary identifies and selects pursuant to this subsection, and which can be initiated or implemented promptly and substantially completed within twelve months after allocation is made. In identifying and selecting programs and projects pursuant to this subsection, the Secretary shall (1) give priority to programs and projects which are most effective in creating and maintaining productive employment, including permanent and skilled employment measured as the amount of such direct and indirect employment generated or supported by the additional expenditures of Federal funds under this title, and (2) consider the appropriateness of the proposed activity to the number and needs of unemployed persons in the eligible area.".

(c) Section 1003(e) of such Act, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"(e)(1) The Secretary, if the national unemployment rate is equal to or exceeds 7 per centum for the most recent calendar quarter, shall expedite and give priority to grant applications submitted for such areas having unemployment in excess of the national average rate of unemployment for the most recent calendar quarter. Seventy per centum of the funds appropriated pursuant to this title shall be available only for grants in areas as defined in the first sentence of this subsection.

"(2) Not more than 15 per centum of all amounts appropriated to carry out this title shall be available under this title for projects or programs within any one State, except that in the case of Guam, Virgin Islands, and American Samoa, not less than one-half of 1 per centum in the aggregate shall be available for such projects or programs.".

Program review. 42 USC 3246c.

SEC. 124. Section 1004 of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 1004. (a) Within forty-five days after any funds are appropriated to the Secretary to carry out the purposes of this title, after the date of enactment of the Public Works and Economic Development Act Amendments of 1976, each department, agency, or instrumentality of the Federal Government, each regional commission established by section 101 of the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965 or

*Ante*, p. 2331.

40 USC app. 101.

42 USC 3182.

pursuant to section 502 of this Act, shall (1) complete a review of its budget, plans, and programs and including State, substate, and local development plans filed with such department, agency or commission; (2) evaluate the job creation effectiveness of programs and projects for which funds are proposed to be obligated in the calendar year and additional programs and projects (including new or revised programs and projects submitted under subsection (b)) for which funds could be obligated in such year with Federal financial assistance under this title; and (3) submit to the Secretary of Commerce recommendations for programs and projects which have the greatest potential to stimulate the creation of jobs for unemployed persons in eligible areas. Within forty-five days of the receipt of such recommendations the Secretary of Commerce shall review such recommendations, and after consultation with such department, agency, instrumentality, regional commission, State, or local government make allocations of funds in accordance with section 1003(d) of this title.

*Ante*, p. 2337.

"(b) States and political subdivisions in any eligible area may, pursuant to subsection (a), submit to the appropriate department, agency, or instrumentality of the Federal Government (or regional commission) program and project applications for Federal financial assistance provided under this title.

"(c) The Secretary, in reviewing programs and projects recommended for any eligible area shall give priority to programs and projects originally sponsored by States and political subdivisions, including, but not limited to, new or revised programs and projects submitted in accordance with this section.".

42 USC 3246d–3246g.

SEC. 125. Section 1005 of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended, is amended by striking such section and renumbering subsequent sections accordingly.

42 USC 3246e.

SEC. 126. Section 1005 of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended, as redesignated by this Act, is amended by striking the period and inserting the following at the end thereof: "unless this would require project grants to be made in areas which do not meet the criteria of this title.".

Appropriation authorization.
42 USC 3246f.

SEC. 127. Section 1006 of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended, as redesignated by this Act, is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 1006. (a) There are hereby authorized to be appropriated to carry out the provisions of this title $81,250,000 for each calendar quarter of a fiscal year during which the national average unemployment is equal to or exceeds 7 per centum on the average. No further appropriation of funds is authorized under this section if a determination is made that the national average rate of unemployment has receded below an average of 7 per centum for the most recent calendar quarter as determined by the Secretary of Labor.

"(b) Funds authorized by subsection (a) are available for grants by the Secretary when the national average unemployment is equal to or in excess of an average of 7 per centum for the most recent calendar quarter. If the national average unemployment rate recedes below an average of 7 per centum for the most recent calendar quarter, the authority of the Secretary to make grants or obligate funds under this title is terminated. Grants may not be made until the national average unemployment has equaled or exceeded an average of 7 per centum for the most recent calendar quarter.

"(c) Funds authorized to carry out this title shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, any amounts authorized by other provisions of law.".

42 USC 3246g.

SEC. 128. Section 1007 as redesignated by this Act is amended by

striking "December 31, 1975" and inserting in lieu thereof "September 30, 1979".

SEC. 129. Title X of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 is further amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section: 42 USC 3246.

"CONSTRUCTION COSTS

"SEC. 1008. No program or project originally approved for funds under an existing program shall be determined to be ineligible for Federal financial assistance under this title solely because of increased construction costs.". 42 USC 3246h.

SEC. 130. Section 2 of the Act entitled "An Act to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to extend the authorizations for titles I through IV through fiscal year 1971", approved July 6, 1970 (Public Law 91-304), is amended by striking out "June 1, 1976," and inserting in lieu thereof "September 30, 1979,". 42 USC 3162 note.

## TITLE II

SEC. 201. (a) The President of the United States is authorized and requested to call a White House Conference on Balanced National Growth and Economic Development within one year of the date of enactment of this Act in order to develop recommendations for further action toward balanced national growth and economic development, and to take account of present conditions and trends as set forth in the report accompanying this Act. Such conference shall be planned and conducted under the direction of the domestic council with the cooperation and assistance of such other Federal departments and agencies, including the regional commissions established under the Appalachian Regional Development Act and title V of the Public Works and Economic Development Act. 42 USC 3121 note. 40 USC app. 1. 42 USC 3181.

(b) For the purpose of arriving at facts and recommendations concerning the utilization of skills, experience, and energies and the improvement of our country's social and economic needs, the conference shall assemble representatives of government, business, labor, and other citizens and representatives of institutions who could work together for balanced national growth and economic development.

(c) A final report of the White House Conference on Balanced National Growth and Economic Development shall be submitted to the President not later than one hundred and eighty days following the date on which the conference is called and findings and recommendations included therein shall be immediately made available to the public. The President shall, within ninety days after the submission of such final report, transmit to the Congress his recommendations for the administrative action and legislation necessary to implement the recommendations contained in such report. Report to President for transmittal to Congress.

SEC. 202. In administering this title, the President shall— 42 USC 3121 note.

(1) request the cooperation and assistance of such other Federal departments and agencies as may be appropriate;

(2) give all reasonable assistance, including financial assistance, to the States to enable them to organize and conduct conferences on balanced growth and economic development;

(3) prepare and make available background materials for the use of delegates to the White House Conference on Balanced National Growth and Economic Development as they may deem necessary;

(4) prepare and distribute interim reports of the White House

Conference on Balanced National Growth and Economic Development as may be appropriate; and

(5) engage such personnel as may be necessary without regard to the provisions of title 5, United States Code, governing appointments in the competitive civil service, and without regard to chapter 57 and subchapter 53 of such title relating to classification and General Schedule pay rates.

5 USC 101 *et seq.*

5 USC 5701, 5301.

"State."
42 USC 3121 note.

SEC. 203. For the purpose of this title the term "State" includes the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

Advisory Committee to the White House Conference on Balanced National Growth and Economic Development.
Establishment.
42 USC 3121 note.

SEC. 204. The President is authorized and directed to establish an Advisory Committee to the White House Conference on Balanced National Growth and Economic Development composed of fifteen members, of whom not less than five shall represent businesses in the private sector, and the Secretaries of the Departments of Commerce, Agriculture, Housing and Urban Development, and relevant Federal program managers.

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